

C 78-0745
7 January 1978

Honorable Barbara Allen Babcock
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Ms. Babcock:

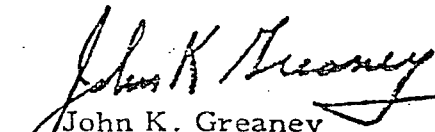
Re: Gordon Novel v. Louisiana Expo Incorporated, et al.

On 29 November 1977 Judge Newell Edenfield ordered the above-cited case transferred from the Northern District of Georgia to the Eastern District of Louisiana. I have been in touch with Mrs. Pitird, Chief, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone (AC 504) 589-3577. Mrs. Pitird learned that the U.S. Attorneys Office in Atlanta had closed its files on the case and did not forward anything to New Orleans. This situation has now been remedied but she felt she needed additional authority from the Department of Justice to represent two Agency personnel.

You will recall that on May 12, 1977 you sent a letter to Mr. John W. Stokes, Jr., U.S. Attorney in Atlanta, Georgia, granting him authorization to represent Howard Osborn, the former Director of Security, CIA. I presume that same authorization carries over to the Eastern District of Louisiana. At this time I would like to request authorization to have the U.S. Attorney represent Peter Houck. Mr. Houck is an employee of the CIA who was previously stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana. He has been reassigned to another city and has not been served with any papers in this lawsuit. However, the allegations cited in the complaint refer to Mr. Houck's assignment in New Orleans and took place while he was an employee of the CIA. It should be understood that Mr. Houck testified during the criminal prosecution of Gordon Novel in the Orleans Parish Court in November 1976.

I defer to your judgment as to whether an appearance should be made on behalf of Mr. Houck even though he has not been served in this case. If you need any further information, please call.

Sincerely,


John K. Greaney
Associate General Counsel

cc: Mr. Peter Houck, DCD
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